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1. OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS OF LICENSE BY RADIO PROCEDURE  
CONTEMPLATED BY AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION (ATA) IS THAT  
IT PROBABLY WON'T WORK - AT LEAST NOT EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH.  
ONE PROBLEM IS WIRING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN BANK BRANCHES  
IN DIFFERENT TIME ZONES. ANOTHER IS THE PRESENCE OF THE  
AGENT IN MANTA, NOT GUAYAQUIL WHERE AS OF NOW LICENSES BY  
RADIO CAN ONLY BE AUTHORIZED. THE AGENT WOULD PRESUMABLY  
HAVE TO COME TO GUAYAQUIL (THREE HOUR TRIP) PICK UP THE  
CHECK FROM THE LOCAL BANKAMERICA BRANCH AND MAKE THE  
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ONCE HE WAS THERE. THE SECURING OF A  
LICENSE UNDER THIS PROCEDURE COULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR DAYS UNDER  
NORMAL CONDITIONS AND MORE IF A WEEKEND INTERVENED.

2. ALTHOUGH WE CAN APPRECIATE THE ATA MEMBERS'  
RELUCTANCE TO TIE UP MONEY IN A BANKAMERICA  
ACCOUNT (EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD BE INTEREST BEARING),  
WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY ATA WISHES TO HIRE AGENT IN  
MANTA, NOT GUAYAQUIL. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE  
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FEATURES OF PROCEDURE NEGOTIATED LAST YEAR WITH GOE  
WAS ABILITY TO ELIMINATE CASH TRANSACTIONS AND AN  
ESTIMATED FULL DAY OF RED-TAPE BY ALLOWING CONGEN  
GUAYAQUIL TO IMMEDIATELY GUARANTEE PAYMENT OF FEE TO  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHING ON THE BASIS OF LIST OF  
BOATS COVERED PROVIDED BY BANKAMERICA. EVEN IF AGENT  
WERE IN GUAYAQUIL, BANK WOULD HAVE TO CERTIFY TO CONGEN

ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, WHICH COULD BE ADDITIONALLY TIME CONSUMING. UNLESS ATA CHOOSES TO ENTER ARRANGEMENT DESIGNED TO HEW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO PROCEDURE WE NEGOTIATED REPORTED IN QUITO 687/77, WE DOUBT THAT LICENSING BY RADIO PROCEDURE WILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL.

3. THE ABOVE ANALYSIS IS PREDICATED THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE ATA AND SWARTZ HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED THESE PROBLEMS AND OVERCOME THEM. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT SWARTZ MIGHT HAVE WORKED OUT SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT WITH DIRGEN FISHING IN GUAYAQUIL OR MANTA. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS THERE DID NOT MENTION ANY APPROACHES OF THIS NATURE WHEN POLCOUNSELOR DISCUSSED MATTER WITH THEM LAST WEEK.

4. ALTHOUGH WE ASSUME THAT CONGEN BISHTON WILL COME TO SAME CONCLUSION WHEN HE HEARS OF SCHEME WHILE IN SAN DIEGO, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL FOR DEPT. TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT HIM IN SAN DIEGO AND CONVEY OUR ANALYSIS.

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